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A usually reliable source states that a political-military meeting of the Cominform is scheduled to convene about 20-30 March 1949 near Budapest. Luigi Longo and Pietro Secchia of the Italian Communist Party reportedly will attend.

Another usually reliable source reports that the above meeting will take place immediately after the "conclusion of the Atlantic Pact" and will publicly denounce "American and Western provocation against the country of socialism and peace". Italian Communist Party representatives scheduled to attend are Luigi Longo, Vincenzo Moscatelli, and Walter Audisio, chief of the PCI military coordination office. The following are reportedly the chief points of the agenda of the above meeting:

- a. An offensive against the Vatican's anti-Communist policy and against all churches in Communist controlled countries;
- b. Labor agitations in Western countries to take place in the spring accompanied by renewed demands for a higher standard of living by the working class;
- c. Progressive strikes, mainly in Italy, France, and Belgium, with increasingly violent attacks against incumbent governments;
- d. Increased preparation of fifth columns;
- e. Institution of tactical commands following a Cominform military conference;

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- f. Institution of various "liberation governments" to be recognized by the Cominform immediately. The function of these puppet governments reportedly will be to assume power and invoke the aid of "liberating" forces in the classic Nazi manner, in this case represented by the Soviet Army; and
- g. Intensification of military and political espionage, through the Communist Parties of the Western countries.

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